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# HYDE BITTERLY ASSAILS ENEMIES

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Tricked By Clique Sacrificing Best Interests of Society.

### RESENTS ACTION OF GENERAL AGENTS

Chicago Policy-Holders Made Move to Drag Equitable Muddle Into Court-Governor Higgins Says Situation Is Bad-Hendricks Makes Promise.

(By Associated Press.)

YORK, April 21,-James H. Hyde to-night issued a statement in reply to the committee of agents which waited on him yesterday to demand his resignation. Referring to the Equitable controversy, Mr. Hyde says:

that controversy I feel that 1 have been treated with great injustice, and that no one has so serious cause omplaint as I have. So far as good results could be served by resignation of any officer resible for the injury which the so-has suffered and is doubtless to in the future your request is freeted.

suffer in the future your request is misdirected.

"In view of the concessions, I have been willing to make for the welfare of the society, I resent your misguided action, taken in utter ignorance of the true situation, of which you cannot possibly have accurate knowedge. Your request, perhaps, unwittingy on your part, is merely another move in the campaign of attack originally devised. When the real facts are known to the policy-holders, I believe that all right-minded men among them will be as indignant as I am with the methods that have been employed by my entmig, which they have not hesitated to sacrifice the best interests of the society and to disregard the proper protection of the policy-holders."

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Mr. Hyde expressed his disbellet in any system of control which places the agents over the directors and officers. He raid, however idjat in response to representations that there was a genuine desire on the part of the policy-holders to vote for directors, he offered to place his stock in the hands of trustees for five years, to be voted in accordance with the directions of the board of directors. This offer was not accepted. Finally Mr. Hyde said he consented that policy-holders should elect twenty-eight of the fifty-two directors.

"This concession," said Mr. Hyde, "was intended for the benefit of the policy-holders, but in practical effect, as I then feared and now believe, it was the purpose that any concessions by me should be utilized for the benefit and account of the instigators of this movement, who proposed to erect a constituency of agents to control the votes of policy-holders. This belief is confirmed by the extraordinary proceedings at your recent meetings in this city, in which the power dominating the meeting wis quite apparent."

Mr. Hyde said that notwithstanding these concessions, he was told that the warfare would go on until he was forced out of office.

"It is evident," she said, "that I have been designedly tricked. I now know that those sacrifices which I have been

been designedly tricked. I now know that those sacrifices which I have been deceived into making, have been simply an encouragement to further attempted invasions of the rights of stockholders."

# Laid Before Governor.

surance Society was laid before Governor Higgins at the executive chamber this afternoon by the committee of thirty-five of the managing agents of the society, which earlier in the day at Syracuse, had made the same appeal for mutualization of the society, to Superintendent Hendricks, of the State Insurance Department. The views of the agents were presented to the Governor by Joseph Bowes, manager for the Equitable at Bailimore, as chief spokesman, and he was seconded by Edward A. Woods, of Pittsburg: Archibald C. Haynes, of New York, and Reginald E. Naist, of London, Governor Higgins made very evident his appreciation of the great seriousness of the situation in the Equitable Society. He said it was a question whether the Legislature could alter the charter of the society without the stockholders' consent. He lessured the agents he would do all possible to bring about better conditions in the society.

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(By Associated Press.)

STRACUSE, N. Y., April 21.—Preferably mutualisation, the turning over of substantial control to the policyholders, or some other remedy to relieve the embarrassing situation in the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was the burden of the request made of Superintendent of Insurance Francis Hendricks by the committee of general agents who laid their wishes before him here to-day. Among the agents present were H. H. Blimson, Roanoke, Vs., E. P. Jake, Memphils, Tonn.; H. Swineford, Richmond, Va.; W. J. Roddey, Rock Hill S. C., and J. J. Elliott. Nashville, Tenn. Jos. Bowes, or Beltimore, who was spokesman of the committee, told Superintendent Hendricks that the agents against Mr. Hyde, he said, but a change must be made to deprive him of the immense power which he wields.

Superintendent Hendricks, in reply, said that he had expressed himself clearly in favor of mutualization and that he was sure relief could be obtained by logislation.

Mr. Hendricks expressed himself in favor of the proposition in the hands of the attorney general concerning policyholders' representation upon the directorate, making it only a question of time when policyholders will be in control. In closing, Mr. Hendricks seid:

"And I will tell you, too, that hefore I get through with this company I will find out who are dummies. I will find out who are dummies. I will find out you do Second Page J.

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# FOURTEEN DIE IN **BURNING CONVENT**

WHOLE NUMBER 16,825.

One Nun, Nine Children and Four Old Women Perish.

### FATHER GOES TO RESCUE OF GIRLS

Sister Perhaps Fatally Burned in Efforts to Save Lives of Children and Helpless Old Women-The Bucket Brigade Proves

(By Associated Press.) MONTREAL, April 21.—The little vi lage of St. Genevieve is in mourning to fire which destroyed the convent of St. Anne there carly to-day. One nun, nine children, ranging in age from 10 to 18 years, and four old women perished in the years, and four old women perished in the flames. Two nuns were so severely burned that itsis feared they will die. In their grief over the catastrophe, the villagers find some comfort in the heroism displayed by Sister Marie Adjuteur, who gave up her life, and Sisters Marie Therese and Marie Robertine, who were perhaps fatally burned in their efforts to save the lives of the children and helpless old women in their charge.

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There is no organized fire protection in the village. The fire, which started at an early hour in the morning, was beyond control by the time, the sleeping people could be aroused. A bucket brigade was formed, but the efforts to check the flames were futile and the quaint old structure was reduced to ashes. Sisters Marie Therese and Marie Robertine were rescued with difficulty from the hallway, where they had fallen, overcome by the smoke and flames.

One of the first to reach the convent after the alarm was sounded was Alphonse Garaud, who lives opposite the convent grounds. He had two daughters in the institution and his first thought was naturally for their safety. Securing a ladder, he raised it at one end of the building at a window of the dormitory, where he knew one of his children slept. When he smashed in a window a great volume of smoke poured out. He rescued one girl and a minute later a second sirl; dumped from an adjoining window. Urged by Sister Marie Adjuteur, he ascended the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out, the residence of the ladder again and called out. The fire started in the Old Ladies' Hospice, and the smoke was so thick that the children on the floor above were unable to set down.

Handsome Building. convent was called St. Anne's a branch of the convent of s of St. Anne's of Lachine.

### FARMERS CAUGHT BY COLONIST SCHEMES

(By Associated Press.)

than \$375,000 gold.

### CONFEDERATES WILL ENTERTAIN G. A. R. CHIEF

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA., April 21.—General Wilmot W, Blackmar, of Boston, commanderin-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, accompanied by Mrs. Blackmar and a party of friends, arrived here today to attend the concumenant of the Georgia division. General Blackmar was met by a committee representing Federal and Confederate veterans, who are dividing the honor of entertaining him. ing the honor of entertaining him.

# BEING BURIED IN THE DUST. POINTER ON THE WEATHER

Touching the Trouble at the

Ritchie Memorial Church.

REV. WARD HELD BLAMELESS

CLAREMONT, VA., April 21.-Having

and appearing in your paper March 29.

the services on the evening in question

niable that the greatest exaggerations

Claremont, Va., April 21, 1905.

WANTHELP

TO-DAY.

6 Salesmen

The 21 advertisements for help pub-lished in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

This not only interests those out of

work, but those desiring to improve

8 Miscellaneous 1 Office

their positions as well.

6 Trades.

currence.

RICHMOND, VA., SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1905.

# MARTIN TU MAKE OPENING SPEECH

Junior Senator Will Address Voters of Richmond at Academy To-night.

More Than a Hundred Honorary Vice-Presidents-Mr. Leigh to Present Speaker.

United States Senator Thomas S. Mar in will make his first address to the pple of Richmond to-night at 8.50

him by reputation, but do know him personally, no less than be asked to call the meeting to order to-night, and he will introduce Mr. Egbert G. Leigh, who will preside and introduce

John Lamb, Thomas M. Rutherford, William H. Palmer, Jr., Legh R. Page, A. B. Tyson, J. A. Ruth, Louis Byrne, W. J. Grigge, L. C. Perkins, B. T. Alsop, W. M. Parrish, Henry Lee Valentine, John F. Don Leavy, J. W. Meredith, Hon. C. R. Sands, J. D. McIniire, Eugene C. Massie, S. W. Tompkins, S. Dabney Cronahaw, W. O. Skelton, D. Wiley Anderson, W. S. Gunn, F. I. Starke, W. H. Curtis, Langhorne Putney, J. Scott Parrish, T. Kirk Parrish, Henry R. Miller, J. T. Lewis, M. M. Gilliam, M. A. Chambers, B. R. Eddridge, Lewis D. Aylett, John P. Leary,

# THOSE TO BE ON THE STAGE

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# EACH HEARD OF HER

BROTHER'S DECEASE

# SAN DOMINGO TROUBLE BREAKS FORTH AFRESH

### American Cruiser Receives Rush Orders-Italian Warships 'Also on Way.

(By Associated Press.) PENSACOLA, FLA., April 21.—Rush orders for the cruiser Tacoma to proceed to San Domingo were received late this afternoon. That vessel began to coul immediately, moving from the city down were taken on board, and it is expected that she will get away before daylight. It is said here that a number of warships have been ordered to San Domingo by the Italian government and as trouble is anticipated, the Tacoma was ordered there to protect the interests of the United States citizens.

Sterling Stuart Dead.

(By Associated Prass.)

NEW YORK, April 21. Sterling Stuart, son of Ruth McEnery Stuart, the author, who suffered an injury to his roins oy a fall while trying to enter the sacond story window of his mother's home in Flushing a month ago, died to-day.

# At 1 A. M.

French Minister of Foreign Af Offering Resignation.

News Came as Surprise and Shock to Colleagues-No-

PARIS, April 21.-After a notable ser vice of nearly eight years in the direc-

and shock to M. Delcasse's colleagues of he Cabinet, who immediately took steps to endeavor to secure a reconsideration to endeavor to secure a reconsideration of his determination. A Cabinet council was held this afternoon, at which M. Rouvier, in the absence of M. Delcasse, laid the situation before the ministers if was the unanimous determination of the council that the interest of the council that the interest of the council this particular time required that M. Delcasse retain the portfolio of foreign affairs. Accordingly, at the conclusion of the council M. Rouvier proceeded to the Quai-Dorsay, where he had an extended conference with the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The president of the council, voicing the wishes of Fresident Loubet and the ministers, earnestly besought

# May Yield to Pressure.

casse had given no final answer, but promised to reserve his determination until to-morrow, when a final answer will be given. It is believed that M Deleasse will yield to the insistence of President Loubet and the president of

cent has osen accentance by since ontroversies over French neutrality in the Far East. The opposition have been quick to seize upon both questions, and, headed by Socialists and Nationalists, have directed their criticisms against M. Deleasse. It is felt that his retirement would be halled in Germany as a German triumph, and this was one of the main considerations leading M. Rouvier to appeal earnestly to M. Deleasse to remain in the foreign office. have been published concerning the occurrence.

As soon as the publication on the subject appeared, Rev. Mr. Ward laid the
matter before our vestry and made a
statement, declaring that he had made no
attack upon the Rev. Mr. Ridout, as
stated in the papers.

Rev. Mr. Ward's explanation was acceptable to the vestry, and, acting under
our advice, he did not go into print.

The statement in the article of April
15, that Rev. Mr. Ward had been defended by his brother, an attorney, and
counselled by him to apologize, are both
incorrect, none but the vestry and the two
ministers were allowed to be present at
the meeting, and there was no question of
an apology raised.

The Rev. Mr. Ward will continue in
charge of Ritchie Memorial Church, Claremont, and Grace Church. Carbin Point.
He has made many friegals in this community, both for his Christian character
and his zeal in his labors for the church.
The church work here has prospered
greatly under his care and we hope that
this explanation to the public, though
coming late, will correct any misapprehension into which persons may have
heen led by former incorrect statements.

WML ELLIARD,
L. A. STEWWART.
W. H. SOMERS,
Vestrymen.
Claremont, Va., April 21, 1905.

# Off for Mediterranean.

(Special to the Times-Dispatch.)
BOSTON, MASS., April 21.—Among the saloon passengers who will sail for the Mediterranean to-morrow on the White Star liner Homanic, is Charles E. Heald, of Lynchburg, Va.

# DELCASSE WOULD LEAVE CABINET

fairs Announces Intention of

# MAY BE PERSUADED TO STAY

Delcasse to retain his place in th

# FROM FRENCH BAY

Government Issues Ominous Warning To Rojestvensky.

### ENGLAND HOLDING WARSHIPS READY

Peace of Europe Threatened by Prolonged Stay of Squadron in Neutral Waters-France Scouts Danger and Is Backing Out

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, April 22—2:40
A. M.—Reports are current here that
the Russian Second Pacific Squadron
has already left Kamranh Bay and is
on the way to Viadivostok, but the
government will proceed with action
on the Japanese protest as if the
squadron had not continued its voyage. A special service was held in
the Admiralty Church yesterday to
offer prayers for the safety of the
squadron and its successful arrival
at Viadivostok.

LONDON, April 22.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph gives a report emanating from Pekin that a portion of the Russian Second Pacific Squadron is coaling at Hainan, an Island southeast of Longuin Bay.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—A dispatch from Gutzlatzy states that the Japanese movement eastward has come to a standatill on a line extending through Pachatzu, Tuasigu and Ufantu, while fresh Russian re-Inforcements are arriving daily.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, April 21.-The announce of M. Delcasse's intention to resign was but one assumed serious proportions, and most aignificant development fro energetic measures adopted was the recelpt of a dispatch from Saigon saying that imporative orders had been given for the disarmament; of the Russian cruis-

# Neutrality Assured.

The anticipated debate in the Chamber of Deputies over the question of neutrality was postponed, owing to the Deloase incident. The only reference to the subject was an inquiry by Deputy Deloniele as to the neutrality question and the brief reply from Premier Rouvier who said:

vier, who said:

"Formal, precise and repeated orders have been given our agents in Indo-China to assure the absolute neutrality of France in Indo-China values."

# Orders to Rojestvensky.

As a result of communication between the governments at Paris and St. Petersburg, the Russian government has forwarded urgent orders to Admiral Rojestvensky to respect rigorously the neutrality of French water.

A telegram received here from St. Petersburg, and understood to be of official origin, says:

"The Russian admiralty has notified Admiral Rojestvensky of the grave danger to peace which will be

fied Admiral Rojostvensky of the grave danger to peace which will be entailed if the stay of his squadron off the coast of Annan is prolonged contrary to the laws of neutrality.

"No doubt is entertained that the admiral will carry out the formal-instructions sent to him."

This is a precautionary measure. In addition, special instructions have been sent to the governor general of Indo-China, M. Beau, and Foreign Minister Delcasse has instructed the French minister at Toiclo to give the Japanese minister for foreign affairs assurance that it is France's purpose to preserve strict neutrality, these being similar to the as-

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# LEE MEETS DOUGLAS AND TALKS JAMESTOWN

### Joint Convention of Massachusetts Legislature to be Held to Hear Virginian. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOSTON, MASS., April 21.-Gen, Fitshugh Lee, of Virginia, president of the Jamestown Exposition Corporation, is in the city for the purpose of interesting the State authorites in the cerebration General Liee called upon Governor Douglas to-day and was cordially re-

ceived. As the result of his visit, it is said that the two branches of the Legislature will be asked to meet in joint convention next week to afford General Lee an opportunity to address the mem-bers in behalf of the suggestion that Massachusetts be represented at the Jamestown Exposition. Previous to this a joint conference will be held by the Governor, Lieutenant-Govorner Guild-and General Les to talk over the matter, The joint convention will probably be called Tuesday or Wednesday,

# JOSEPH JEFFERSON SUFFERS RELAPSE

### Condition Not So Favorable Yesterday and Relatives Are Very Uneasy.

Are Very Uneasy.

(By Associated Press.)

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., April 21—
At 11 d'elock to-night Dr. Potter said that
Joseph Jefferson's condition was less fayorable. He seemed to be growing more
restless. Dr. Potter will not see his
patient before to-morrow merning at 8
o'clock unless a decided change for the
worse should take place. Mr. Jefferson
has not been able to retain nourishment
to-day an much uneasiness is felt by members of the family and friends who are
at his bedside. Vesther conditions today for the first time since Mr. Jefferson's illness have been unfavorable. The
day has been cloudy and the air damp,
heavy rains falling at intervals.

# Ha / Much Better.

GBy Associated Press.)
GENCA, ITALY, April 21.—Seoretary
Hay left Genca to-day for Bad Nauthein,
by way of Milan. He contemplates stepplag a night at Lacerne. The Secretary
is in the best of spirits, declaring that
the air of Italy has been most efficacious,
and that he feels that, he has quite recovered his health.

# BIG OVATION TO GOV. MONTAGUE

Greeted With Intense Enthuslasm by the People of His Home Town,

### THEATRE PACKED WITH MEN AND LADIES

Can be No Progress to a People Who Are Not Stirred by Sentiment and Ideals-His Part

in Primaries to Nominate United States Senators.

(Staff Correspondent.)
DANVILLE, VA., April 21.—Governor

Montague spoke to-night in the Academy of Music before an audience unparalleled in point of number and enthusiasm in even his political enemies say. Lang to fore the hour approached for his apturned away, because no place could be

Men and women filled every seat. chairs and tables outside the theatre.

The opening applicable was deafening, and it was possibly five minutes before the crowd would allow Mr. Julian Meade, president of the Montague Club, to introduce the speaker.

When Mr. Meade erose and introduced

When Mr. Meade crose and introduced. Governor Montague as the next senator of the United States from Virginia, pandemonium reigned again.
"I am glad I am not forgotten by those whom I myself shall never forget," were the opening words of the Governor's speech, and again the crowd cheered itself hoarse.

# Sentiment and Ideals.

the people or on the side of those who have no confidence in the capacity of the people." people."
"Whether there shall be a power in

America greater than the government itself, is the question that now con-fronts the American people." Railroad Control. Railroad Control.

"The railroads must either improperly control the government or the government must properly control the railroads," said the Governor in discussing the question of the Corporation Commission. "The junior senator." said the Governor, "says he would trust to friends that count. I say justice at court is what the people want."

want."

This was said in alluding to the junior senator's statement that he was in favor of having on the commission a representative for each judicial district. Governor Montague declared that this would crush Virginia, for her position in such that all would combine against her.

her.
"Give me honest men in the commission, rather than representatives from districts."

districts."
He spoke earnestly for public highways, and said that the junior senator had never done anything to advance this movement by vote or speech. He spoke on this point as to the expediency of Federal appropriation for public roads. "I want to say," he continued, "that the junior senator says he favors good roads, but where in his record on this subject has he ever done anything to maintain his statement.

"Equal rights to all and special rights or privileges to none, is the standard by

"Equal rights to all and special of or privileges to none, is the standard by which I would determine all taxable values both external and internal," said the Governor, and the crowd cheered, a Pension Matter.

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He said that he found that he had been charged with vetoing a pension appropriation. He stated that he vetoed a resolution that aggregated and tied up \$300.000, on the distinct ground, however, that if the Legislature could pass a resolution withholding pension money they should pass the appropriation itself for this purpose, that the vetowas not attempted to be overridden, and that a few weeks thereafter he signed an appropriation bill carrying \$300.000 for pensions for Confederate vetorans.

The local newspaper had declined to publish any notice of the meeting to algument of the region of the insert an advertisement of four ple to insert an advertisement of four

# CONDITIONS YESTERDAY. Richmond's weather was clear, warn and windy. Range of the Thermometer: 9 A M. 70 6 P M. 71 12 M 79 8 P M 6 8 13 midnight 6 6 table Career.